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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF NIGER

Project title and number:	National Planning (NER/77/004)
Executing Agency:	United Nations
Government co-operating agency:	Ministry of Planning
Date of approval:	March 1978
Estimated starting date for project operations:	January 1978
Duration:	Two years
Estimated value of the Government additional input expressed in US dollars:	$253 500 (In kind)
Estimated UNDP additional contribution:	$708 900
Source of UNDP financing:	Indicative Planning Figure (IPF)

1. Background

1. All formal national planning activities having been interrupted in the mid-seventies during the severe Sahelian drought, the Government of Niger has decided to prepare a new development plan for the country. This plan is to be an instrument of co-ordination, programming and mobilizing of natural and human resources.

2. As Niger is still lacking experienced personnel to prepare this development plan, UNDP has been requested to assist. The new project resulting from this request is complementary to other UNDP or UNFPA projects in the field of planning such as: Assistance in Regional Planning (NER/75/007), Population Census (NER/72/P01)[1/], Statistiques Agropastorales (NER/74/001), and Cartographie des Sols (NER/75/009)[2/]. The regional planning project (NER/75/007), in particular, which is scheduled to continue until 1981, will co-operate very closely with the new project which will be concentrated on the national planning service of the Planning Ministry.

1/ DP/PROJECTS/83.
2/ DP/PROJECTS/2610.

II. Objectives and activities

3. The immediate objectives of the project are to assist the Ministry of Planning in the preparation of the future plan for the economic and social development of the country. The project will also train national staff, mainly by on-the-job teamwork while preparing the new development plan.

III. Inputs

4. Under the assistance now approved UNDP will provide, through the Executing Agency, the services of 5 experts: (principal planning economist, national accounting expert, internal trade planning expert, expert in planning of transport and communications, and expert in industrial planning). The project will also provide financing for a number of special studies to be carried out under sub-contract, as well as some equipment and miscellaneous items.

5. To carry out the activities for which assistance is now approved, the Government of Niger will make available national personnel to work closely with the international experts in the preparation of the new plan. In addition to this, the Government will provide funds to finance some additional studies which are preliminary to the preparation of the new development plan.

IV. Financial data

6. The expenditure components of the planned assistance are as follows:

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Personnel	588 620
Subcontracts	71 640
Equipment	33 640
Miscellaneous	15 000
	708 900

7. The estimated total value, expressed in US dollars, of inputs provided directly by the Government to the project is $245,500 in kind (local currency).

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